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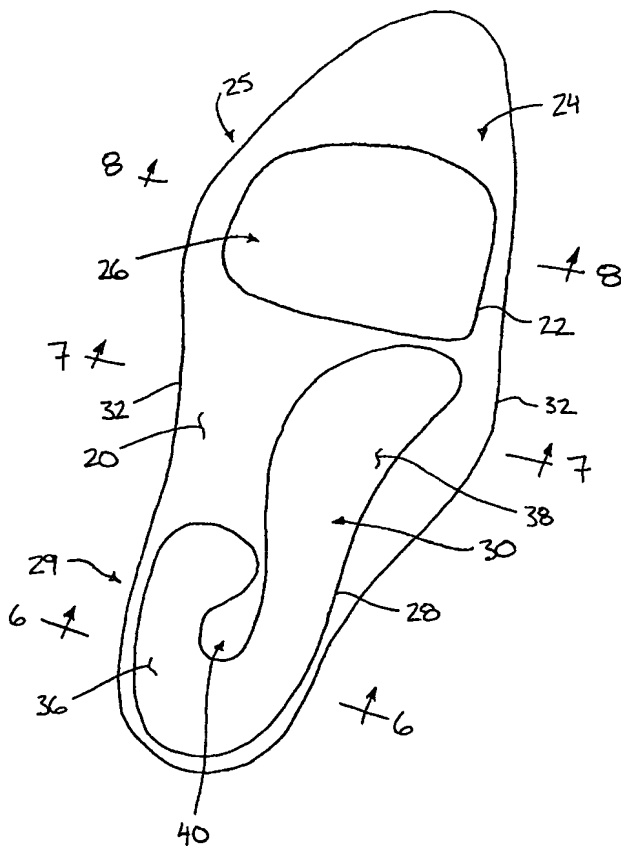
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(54) Title: FOOTWEAR AND INSOLE THEREFOR



(57) Abstract: An article of footwear is provided in which the footbed is formed from a shoe last which is considerably thicker at the metatarsal region than conventional footwear permitting a much thicker insole to be received within the footbed. The thicker insole of a 3/8 " or greater throughout permits a range of different durometers of material to be used to ensure that maximum compression of the material is not reached through a stepping motion of a user of the footwear. A metatarsal insert and a combined heel and arch insert are received within respective cavities in a body of the insole so that durometers of the heel, arch and metatarsal region of the insole can be customized to a particular user's needs. The combined effect of the resulting thicker insole and varying durometers of the inserts therein results in a users applied weight being substantially evenly distributed across an entire footprint of the footwear during a stepping motion.

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